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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Budget Status and Program Approvals

1. The DPD budget for FY 1960 has now been approved for planning purposes. The intent of this memorandum is to make clear precisely what obligations and expenditures are now authorized and what further program approvals will be necessary. Three degrees of approval currently exist and will be referred to in this memorandum:

a. Certain parts of the DPD FY 1960 budget now have the status of approved programs. For these, obligations are now authorized.

b. Certain other parts of the budget still require formal program approvals.

c. Still other parts of the budget will achieve approved program status upon the submission of informal justifications and will not require the submission of formal program approval documents.

2. The following programs within the budget are approved and obligations and expenditures of funds may proceed. Further program approvals will be necessary only for amendments.

CHALICE Materiel (except foreign construction)

CHALICE Operations and Administration

GUSTO (but I desire to be informed when major contracts are let)

CORONA (but I desire to be informed when major contracts are let)



3. With respect to CHALICE Development, there appears nearly the purposes of which I have no clear knowledge. Therefore,



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I would request at a minimum a brief memorandum of justification before obligations are incurred. Formal program approvals are not necessary. I assume that many of these items are for miscellaneous flight test work at Edwards AFB, but with the J-75 program completed, I hope you will exercise quite rigorous controls to avoid taking on marginal work and the attendant financial obligations.

4. As for Air Section Development, I request that each item here be submitted as a program approval request.

5. In the category of Regular and Special Research, I desire a program approval request for each undertaking

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6. I wish to remind you (and through you, the branch chiefs) that program approvals not only authorize the branch chief to obligate funds, but also requires him to monitor the rate of obligations so as to remain within the totals allowed for the year. I desire a review to be conducted periodically through the budget year, and I wish to receive prompt advice where specific programs or portions thereof appear to be exceeding their budgets.

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